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Office Action Summary

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Status

- ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Nov 19, 2002 (paper 14)
- ☐ This action is **FINAL**.
- ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, **prosecution as to the merits is closed** in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are pending in the application.
- ☐ Of the above claim(s) is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- ☐ Claim(s) is/are allowed.
- ☒ Claim(s) 1-10 is/are rejected.
- ☐ Claim(s) is/are objected to.
- ☐ Claim(s) are subject to restriction or election requirement

Application Papers

- ☐ The proposed drawing correction, filed on _____ is ☐ approved ☐ disapproved.
- ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner
- ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d)

- ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 (a)-(d).
- ☐ All ☐ Some* ☐ None of the:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____
- ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a))

*Certified copies not received: _____

Attachment(s)

- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s), PTO-1449, Paper No(s). _____
- ☐ Interview Summary, PTO-413
- ☐ Notice of Reference(s) Cited, PTO-892
- ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application, PTO-152
- ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review, PTO-948
- ☐ Other _____

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1. An amendment (Paper No. 14) has been filed in this RCE application on November 19, 2002.
2. Claims 1-10 are under examination.
3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
4. Claims 1-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Adamowicz et al (USP 4549931) in view of Fischer ("structure of Azetidinium functionality"), Baig (USP 5911818) and Symons (USP 5395571).

*withdrawn
Sep 03, 2003*

This rejection is incorporated here by reference from earlier Office Actions Paper Nos. 3 and 5.

Applicant's argument (page 3 of Paper No. 14), that mica of Adamowicz is excluded from claim 1 is not persuasive since (a) the scope of claim 1 is open due to "comprising", (b) mica, which is well known as a filler can still be viewed as a part of the composition, though not a part of the binder.

Applicant's comments on Symons are not persuasive. Symons is relied upon only as a secondary reference for its teaching of carboxy methyl cellulose as a retarder. It is the examiner's position that this retarder helps to bring together, i.e. aggregate the ingredients of composition of Symons. It is immaterial ~~that~~ ^{whether} Symons is directed to a building board because Symons was confronted with the same problems as instant invention and Symons provides solutions to the problem.

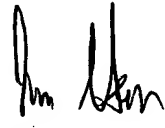
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to U.K. Rajguru whose telephone number is 703-308-3224. The examiner can generally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30 am-6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James J. Seidleck can be reached on 703-308-2462. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application is assigned are 703-872-9310 for regular communications and 703-872-9311 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0661.

U.K. Rajguru/dh
February 24, 2003



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